

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Clamping device (1) for shoelaces (2) or the like lacing devices with clamping jaws, between which the shoelace (2) can be locked in a closed position and moved back and forth in an open position, wherein the clamping device (1) is engageable in an open position

is characterized in that

the engagement in an open position of the clamping device (1) is releasable by a movement of the shoelace (2) to be locked in a direction out of the pulling direction (2).

2. (Original) Device (1) according to claim 1

is characterized by

a base (3) guiding the shoelace (2), a movable slider (4) mounted at the base (3) and an elastic element (5) effective between base (3) and slider (4) against its force the clamping device (1) can be set to an open position.

3. (Currently Amended) Device (1) according to claim [1 or] 2

is characterized by

a shell-like design of base (3) and slider (4) associated with each other in a way to delimit a shoelace holding space (6)

4. (Currently Amended) Device (1) according to claim [2 or] 3

is characterized by

the shoelace is clampable between base (3) and slider (4).

5. (Currently Amended) Device (1) according to claim 4

is characterized by

a cogged design of the slides (7, 8) of base (3) and/or slider (4) facing the shoelace.

6. (Currently Amended) Device (1) according to one of the claim 2 [to 5]

is characterized, that

the elastic element (5) is a spring mounted between base (3) and slider (4),

particularly a helical compression spring.

7. (Currently Amended) Device (1) according to one of the claims 2 [to 6]

is characterized, that

the base (3) includes a baseplate (9) for an attachment at the tongue of a shoe or to the rim of a rucksack opening or the like container.

8. (Currently Amended) Device (1) according to one of the claims 2 [to 7]

is characterized by

a trough or the like handle is formed at the slider (4).

9. (Currently Amended) Device (1) according to one of the claims 2 [to 8]

is characterized by

a slider (4), that shows a single protrusion (11), allowing to engage slider (4) in open position of the clamping device (1) at the base (3), where slider (4) is held in engaged position against the effect of an elastic element mounted between slider (4) and base

10. (Original) Device (1) according to claim 9

is characterized by

a protrusion (11), that can be moved beyond an edge (12) of the base (3) in a way, that slider (4) can be tilted into the motion path of the shoelaces (2).

11. (Currently Amended) Shoe (16) with a clamping device (1) for shoelaces (2) according to [one of the previous claims] claim 1.

12. (Original) Shoe (16) according to claim 11

is characterized by

a shoelace (2) forming a loop at one handling end (17) to allow a handling of the same with a single finger.

13. (Original) Shoe (16) according to claim 12

is characterized by

a loop which is provided with a sleeve-shaped handle (18).

14. (Currently Amended) Shoe (16) according to [one of the claims 11 to] claim 13

is characterized by

shoelace ends or a shoelace loop and/or the handle (18) of the shoelace, that are in an action engagement with an elastic band (19), so that the shoelace (2) and optionally its handle (18) is pulled towards the shoe (16) by the band.

15. (Original) Shoe (16) according to claim 13

is characterized, that

the elastic bank (19) at the shoe (16) is guided in band guides (20), optionally each also including the guide for the shoelace (2).

16. (Currently Amended) Shoe (16) according to claim 14 [or 15]
is characterized, that
the elastic band (19) is guided through a receiving channel 12) attached to the shoe
(16), particularly around the shaft of the shoe.